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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Juergen Eberle et al  
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Group Art Unit:  
Examiner:  
Title: REFRIGERATING UNIT COMPRISING AN  
ULTRASOUND-WELDED SUCTION TUBE  
AND A THROTTLING TUBE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims**, as reflected in the listing of claims, begin on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.